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In re application of: )  
Jonathan Kepecs ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Serial No. 09/558,945 ) Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: April 26, 2000 )  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ) REQUEST FOR STATUS  
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Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: Jonathan Kepecs

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INVERTED PROMOTIONS

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
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the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

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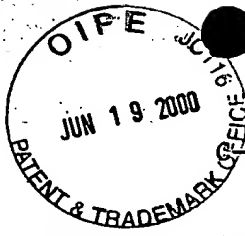
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